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Docket No.: 198323US0PCT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Hiroyoshi HIDAKA, et al.

: ART UNIT: 1627

SERIAL NO: 09/647,924

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: EXAMINER: FRIEND

FOR: METHOD FOR IN VIVO DETECTING TARGET

PROTEIN GENE BY DRUG

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 30, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, for further prosecution, serum albumin for Species A, glutaraldehyde for Species B, and drug A for Species C. Claims 2-14 read on the elected species.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office has required restriction in the present application by the election of a single disclosed Species for each of the following:

- A) Species of antigenic substance (elect, for example, from species disclosed on page 4 of the specification);
- B) Species of chemical cross-linker (elect, for example, from species disclosed on page 3 of the specification); AND
- C) Species of drug.